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SUBJECT: FONMIN COMMENTS ON SELA

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE IN PRESENCIA OF MARCH 6 NOTING THAT BOLIVIA ABOUT ONLY LA THAT HAS NOT TAKEN POSITION ON SELA, PRESENCIA MARCH 7 QUOTED FONMIN AS SAYING "VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE TO CREATE SELA, DIRECTED TOWARDS REINFORCING THE SOLIDARITY OF THE HEMISPHERE, HAS BOLIVIA'S SYMPATHY, THE MORE SO IF IT IS SUPPORTED BY A COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE MAINTAIN SUCH CLOSE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP."

2. FONMIN REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED JESUS ALBERTO FERNANDEZ, DIRECTOR OF VENEZUELAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE, AND SAID GOB WOULD STUDY PROPOSAL, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS POSITIVE, WITH GREAT INTEREST.

3. COMMENT. APPEARS LIKELY PROPOSAL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONEPLAN FOR STUDY.. GOB POSITION, AS EXPLAINED BY NEWLY NAMED AMBASSADOR TO OAS, FERNANDO ORTIZ, IS TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY ESTABLISHMENT OF SELA TO DETERMINE IF IT IS NECESSARY; WHETHER IT DUPLICATES EXISTING BODIES; AND WHETHER IT WILL BE CONSTRUCTIVE OR WILL LEAD TO CONFLICT

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